

Training Plan 2016/17

Both the Texas Department of State Health Services and the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians have continuing education curriculum requirements that pertain to providing emergency medical care to patients. The specific course content is developed and taught by our medical direction team from Metrocrest Medical Services.

The Texas Department of State Health Services requires that every Paramedics receive 144 hours of continuing education every 4 years. The 144 hours of required training includes:

- 8 hours in Patient Assessment
- 36 hours in Medical Emergencies/Knowledge
- 12 hours in Special Considerations
- 4 hours in Clinically Related Operations
- 12 hours in Pediatric Training

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians requires that every Paramedic receive 60 hours of continuing education every 2 years. The 60 hours of required training includes 30 hours on national curriculum, 15 hours in local or state curriculum and 15 hours of individual curriculum. The national curriculum includes:

- 2 hours in Special Healthcare Needs
- 1 hour in Psychiatric and Behavioral Emergencies
- 0.5 hours in Toxicology Emergencies – Opioids
- 1 hour in At-Risk Population
- 0.5 hours in Ambulance Safety
- 0.5 hours in EMS Culture of Safety
- 0.5 hours in Pediatric Transport

Additionally, the department offers internal classes through Target Solutions that are assigned to each member periodically. These courses include:

- EMS Refusals
- Responder Health and Safety
- Cultural Diversity for EMS Responders
- Patients with Special Challenges
- Anger, Violence and Conflict in the Workplace
- Sexual Harassment Awareness
- Workplace Diversity
- Workplace Violence



The Target Solutions courses are not mandated by any specific outside agency but were created internally for our members.